



ILXCTF - Mike Newman

102 Followers | Following 229



[Home](#)[Photos](#)[Blog](#)[News](#)[Follows](#)[Videos](#)

## News

[Write News](#)

[RSS Feed](#)

## Folders

- [Featured \(118\)](#)
- [Misc News \(1143\)](#)
- [Athletes Blog \(33\)](#)
- [Cross Country \(0\)](#)
- [2019 Track & Field \(192\)](#)
- [Track & Field \(762\)](#)
- [Misc News \(1\)](#)
- [All \(388\)](#)
- [All \(3662\)](#)



[Illinois HS XC State Series - Class 3A Sectional Recaps - November 3, 2019](#)(Yesterday, 1:02am)



[Illinois HS XC State Series - Class 2A Sectional Recaps - November 3, 2019](#)(Yesterday, 1:01am)



[Illinois HS XC State Series - Class 1A Sectional Recaps - November 3, 2019](#)(Yesterday, 1:00am)



[2019 IHSA Cross Country Class 3A Sectional Previews](#)(Nov 1st, 12:02am)



[2019 IHSA Cross Country Class 2A Sectional Previews](#)(Nov 1st, 12:01am)

## News

### Illinois HS XC State Series - Class 2A Sectional Recaps - November 3, 2019

Published by



ILXCTF - Mike Newman - Yesterday, 1:01am





◀ ▶  
 Search

By Michael Newman

[mike@dyestat.com](mailto:mike@dyestat.com)

Photo: St. Ignatius with convincing win at Fenton (Ed Ernst Photo)

Sloppy conditions affected the three northern sectionals in this classification. There were surprises in all five meets as the qualifying teams and runners all gear up for next weekend in Peoria.

### Belvidere Sectional

The Girls race at this sectional turned everything upside down in this classification for next week's state meet.

Lakes Community used an individual win from **Brooke Stromsland** and a top ten finish from **Olivia Schmitt** (8th) to help win the sectional title with 78 points. The Eagles were the fifth ranked sectional team heading into this race. Stromsland, the defending Class 2A State Champion, pulled away from the field early as she ran 17:30 for the win. Her closest competition came from freshman **Isabella Gonzalez** from Crystal Lake South as she ran 18:15 to finish second.

Lakes put five runners in the top 28 to capture the sectional title with a split of 119 seconds on the group. Their split from Schmitt to fifth runner **Alex Bryant** was 62 seconds.

Dixon received top 10 finishes from **Paige Stees** (5th) and **Jade Miller** (7th) to help them finish second (90 points). City rivals Prairie Ridge (119 points) and Crystal Lake South (127 points) finished third and fourth. Defending Class 2A state champion Belvidere North finished fifth (128 points) led by **Sydney Elder's** 9th place finish.

The Boys race felt like a state meet preview with two of the top three teams in Class 2A Kaneland and Dixon facing off. It was close.

Kaneland placed three runners in the top 10 to help them win the sectional title with 64 points. In the individual race, **Charlie Smith** of Antioch ran 15:26 for the win three seconds ahead of Kaneland's **Andrew Adams**. Burlington Central's **Anthony Farmer** ran 15:36 to finish third.

Daniel Occhipinti (4th) and Ethan Walker (10th) joined Adams in the top 10 for Kaneland. The Knights placed five runners in the top 32 with a split of 74 seconds. Dixon was led by top 10 finishes from **Brock Drengenberg** (6th) and **Christian Seagren** (8th). The Dukes had 4 runners in the top 14, five runners in the top 34 with a 66 second split.

Sycamore (121 points), Marmion Academy (148 points), and Burlington Central (169 points) rounded out the top five state qualifying teams.

### Bloomington Sectional

It was Urbana's **Olivia Rosenstein** that was in control in the Girls race as she ran 17:37 to win the sectional championship 11 seconds ahead of Morton's **Emma Skinner**. Peoria Notre Dame had top 10 finishes from **Maria Stedwill** (5th), **Eileen Zopel** (7th), and **Irene Ehrhart** (10th) to help the Irish win their first Girls Sectional title with 88 points. Bloomington, behind the sixth-place finish from **Kaitlin Skeate**, scored 106 points to finish second. Dunlap was four points behind Bloomington finishing third (110 points) led by the ninth-place finish from **Saniya Mathew**.

Morton (138 points) and Mahomet-Seymour (141 points) were the two other state qualifying teams. Urbana missed qualifying for state finishing sixth nine points behind Mahomet-Seymour. The Tigers did have individual qualifiers with Rosenstein and **Celia Barbieri** who finished eighth overall.

Morton won the Boys Sectional title (67 points) led by the individual win from **Sam Lange** and top 10 finish from **Cade Zobrist** (7th). Lange will be the 2A favorite next week at Detweiller Park as he has been dominant all season. Lange's winning time of 15:03 was 34 seconds ahead of second-place **Luke Manolakes** of Champaign Centennial (15:37).

Morton placed five runners in the top 24. Their split from their third to fifth runner was 12 seconds.

Peoria Notre Dame was a surprising second (118 points) as junior **Patrick Couri** led the Irish with a 15th place finish. A young Mahomet-Seymour team, who has no seniors in their top seven, return to the state meet finishing third (126 points) after missing qualifying last year. **Kyle Nofziger** (10th) and **Nick Mies** (11th) led the Bulldogs.

Bloomington finished fourth scoring 130 points. It is the first time that both the school's Boys and Girls teams have qualified for the state meet. Metamora finished fifth (157 points) behind the 3-4 finish from **Adam Gilbreath-Glaub** and **Ian O'Laughlin**.

### Decatur MacArthur Sectional

**Brooks Harlan** of Centralia backed up last week's regional win with a convincing race Saturday at Hickory Point Golf Course in Decatur. Harlan ran 15:16 for the sectional win nine seconds ahead of second-place **Eli Ward** of Waterloo (15:25). Taylorville's **Chris Cherry** and **Gavin Kirby** of Richland County finished third and fourth with both running 15:28.

Mascoutah edged Chatham-Glenwood 114-121 for the Boys Sectional title. The Indians placed five runners in the top 37 with a 38 second split between #1 runner **Kristian Knecht** (11th) and fifth runner **Sean Ede** (37th).

Chatham-Glenwood was led by a 14-15 finish from **Cameron Smith** and **Thomas Herbst**. The Titans had a 33 second

split on their scorers that had five runners in the top 35.

Troy Triad make it to state finishing third (140 points) led by the 12th place finish from **Drake Bleier**. Springfield finished fourth (149 points) with Centralia the final team to qualify scoring 173 points. Waterloo scored 195 points placing sixth. Seven of the top nine runners in the race qualified for the state meet individually.

It was no surprise that **Tatum David** of Richland County won by the amount that she did. David won the Girls Sectional title (16:33) by more than two minutes ahead of the rest of the field.

Find something...

Login / Sign

[RS/Home](#) [News](#) [Events](#) [Results Central](#) [Videos](#) [Photos](#) [Blogs](#) [Sites & Teams](#) [Rankings](#) [Live Webcasts](#) [Athletic.TV](#) [Tools](#) [Help](#)

(92 points) led by finishes from **Grace Meyer** (11th) and **Julia Loeh** (14th).

Mt. Zion (109 points), Carbondale (161 points), and Mascoutah (169 points) finished third through fifth. Springfield finished sixth (170 points) missing qualifying as a team by one point.

## Fenton Sectional

Three of the top six 2A teams faced off on the water-logged grounds of Fenton High School. Latin School came away with the win and one of the favorites for the state championship on November 9. A 1-2 finish from **Ava Parekh** and **Bea Parr** helped the Romans with the team title scoring 39 points. Parekh ran 18:29 to win by 53 seconds behind her teammate Barr. Latin had five runners in the top 18 with a 64 second split between Barr and fifth runner **Olivia Syftestad**.

St. Ignatius College Prep used top 10 finishes from **Lexi Affolter** (4th), **Kristina Dalton** (5th), and **Rhiannon O'Keefe** (8th) to help the Wolfpack finish second (52 points). St. Ignatius placed five runners in the top 20 with only a 49 second split on their scorers.

Vernon Hills finished third (86 points) with **Emma Wakefield** (3rd) and **Carly Sear** (9th) their top runners. Their normal #1 runner **Rose Sheridan** was the team's sixth runner.

Fenwick (87 points) and Trinity (191 points) finished fourth and fifth both qualifying for the state meet. St. Francis finished sixth missing qualifying for Peoria by six points. Carmel Catholic was another three points back in seventh.

The Boys raced belonged to St. Ignatius College Prep as they placed 5 runners in the top 10 and all seven runners in the top 16 to flex their muscles for next week's state meet scoring 28 points for the win. **Jacob Flynn** made his way through the mud and water of this course to lead the Wolfpack running 16:56 for the win. St. Ignatius top five split was 49 seconds.

**Dan Weizeorick** finishing second, **Christopher Covone** finishing fourth, and **Luke Orwig** finishing sixth helped St. Francis finish second (51 points). The Spartans placed 4 runners in the top 12 with their fifth runner placing 28th. Their top five split was 61 seconds.

Glenbard South (120 points) finished third led by the 18th place finish from **Austin MacClure**. Mather finished fourth (149 points). They were the only Chicago Public League team regardless of gender or classification to qualify for next weekend's state meet. Fenwick scored 155 points to finish fifth.

## Thornridge Sectional

Top ranked Benet Academy tuned up for next week's state meet in easily winning the sectional team title with 26 points. The Redwings placed all seven of their runners in the top 10. Their team split on their top five went down to 37 seconds in this race. **Joy Jackson** led the team with her second-place finish followed by **Emily Spellman** in fourth. Freshman **Colette Kinsella** of Nazareth Academy won the individual title (18:39) four seconds ahead of Jackson. Lemont's **Kaylie Politza** ran 18:53 to finish third.

Lemont had a 36 second split from their pack behind Politza to finish second with 83 points. Riverside-Brookfield (108 points), Nazareth Academy (132 points), and Hinsdale South (139 points) also qualified.

It was closer than expected in the Boys Race, but Benet Academy still won the team title 40-66 ahead of HL Richards. The Redwings placed four runners in the top eight, five runners in the 17 with a 27 second top five split. Benet was led by a 4-5-6 finish from **Niklas Anderson**, **Sean Donnelly**, and **Ben Grundman**.

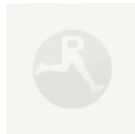
HL Richards second-place finish was helped by top 10 finishes from **David Olmos** (3rd) and **Jack Weiland** (9th).

The next three teams were separated by 10 points. Brother Rice led the way (112 points) followed by Riverside-Brookfield(120 points) and Bremen (122 points).

**Julian Watson** of Hinsdale South pulled away early in the race on his way to capture the individual title (16:17) nine seconds ahead of Oak Forest's **Mike Reif**.

Show less

[Like](#) [Comment](#) [Share](#) [E-mail](#)



Add a comment as Guest...

Like 0

Post as: